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SUBJECT: FINAL DOCUMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN SOCIALIST MEETING

REF: VALLETTA 0726 AND PREVIOUS,

1. THE WEEK-LONG MEETING IN MALTA OF MEDITERRANEAN SOCIALISTS
AND ASSORTED HANGERS-ON ENDED JUNE 25 WITH THE RELEASE OF A
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"FINAL DOCUMENT OF (THE) SOCIALIST AND PROGRESSIVE PARTIES
CONFERENCE" (REFERRED TO LOCALLY AS "THE MALTA DOCUMENT"),
WHICH WILL NOW TAKE ITS PLACE ALONGSIDE LAST YEAR'S "BARCELONA
DECLARATION" AS PART OF THE SACRED WRITINGS OF THIS "PROGRESSIVE"
GROUP. AS SUCH COMMUNIQUE GO, THE RHETORIC IS LESS SHRILL THAN
MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, GIVEN THE MOTLEY NATURE OF THE
PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING SUCH "MEDITERRANEAN" TYPES AS THE

SO-CALLED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FROM CHAD, OMAN AND THAILAND.

2. THE DOCUMENT LISTS THREE CATEGORIES OF AGREEMENT WHICH "EXPRESS THE COMMON DESIRE OF THE PROGRESSIVE AND SOCIALIST FORCES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION", I.E. (1) IDEOLOGICAL, (2) POLITICAL AND (3) COOPERATION (SIC).

3. UNDER IDEOLOGY, THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT "THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD BE REALIZED THROUGH POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION, FREE FROM ANY KIND OF INTERFERENCE BY THE SUPERPOWERS OR THEIR AGENTS". IT ADDS THAT THE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALISTS SHOULD STRIVE TO "LIBERATE COMPLETELY THE MEDITERRANEAN FROM ANY FOREIGN PRESENCE, FLEET OR MILITARY BASE, WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THEIR DANGEROUS ALLIANCES, HAVE BECOME AN IMPENDING PERIL, NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION, BUT ALSO TO WORLD PEACE AT LARGE."

4. THE POLITICAL SECTION IS MAINLY A LIST OF SUPPORT BY THE GROUP OF VARIOUS "PEOPLE", INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF AN "ACTIVE UNITED FRONT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST WORLD IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM, FASCISM AND REACTIONARY CONSPIRACIES." SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION ARE (1) THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ("IN THEIR MISERY BROUGHT ABOUT BY ... THE AGGRESSIVE IMPERIALIST, RACIST, ZIONIST MOVEMENT"); (2) THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE (DEMANDING "THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN

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TROOPS"); (3) THE MALTESE PEOPLE (MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD "GIVE THE NECESSARY POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC GUARANTEES FOR THE INITIAL VIABILITY OF THE NEW STATUS OF MALTA"); AND "ALL" THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ("IN THEIR ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND SOCIALISM"). ALSO THROWN IN FOR GOOD MEASURE IS A CALL FOR THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE (SIC) TO "SET UP A STANDING COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH ... ENSURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE MEDITERRANEAN DOCUMENT."

5. REGIONAL MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION IS RECOMMENDED IN AREAS SUCH AS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE. ALSO SUGGESTED IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NETWORK OF MASS COMMUNICATION TO INCLUDE RADIO, TELEVISION, AND A MEDITERRANEAN NEWS AGENCY." THE DOCUMENT ALSO "WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS" THE "DESIRE OF THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT OF MALTA TO SERVE AS A CENTRE FOR THESE (COOPERATIVE) ACTIVITIES."

6. IN CONCLUSION, THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRE OF PASOK, THE CONFERENCE AGREES TO HOLD ITS THIRD MEETING IN ATHENS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS."

7. COMMENT: THIS WAS THE ONLY DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE

WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY RELEASED. THE SECURITY WAS SO TIGHT AROUND THE HOTEL WHERE THE DAILY SESSIONS WERE HELD THAT RESIDENTS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA HAD TO OBTAIN POLICE PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM THEIR OWN HOMES. THEREFORE, LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE CONFERENCE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT MINTOFF GOT WHAT HE WANTED FROM THE AFFAIR -- AN UNEQUIVOCAL ENDORSEMENT OF HIS POST-1979 NON-ALIGNED NEUTRALITY PLANS AND HIS STATED NEED FOR ECONOMIC SUBSIDIES AFTER HIS NATO BASE RENTAL PAYMENTS STOP. BUT ANY EFFECT FROM THE CONFERENCE ON DAILY LIFE HERE IN MALTA WAS LARGELY NEUTRAL, IF NOT NEGATIVE, AND THE "RESULTS" WILL SOON BE FORGOTTEN EXCEPT BY MINTOFF'S MEDIA MANIPULATORS. THE OPPOSITION NATIONALIST PARTY, AND THE CONSERVATIVE MALTESE PRESS, HEAVILY CRITICIZED THE CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY MINTOFF'S COZYING UP IN PUBLIC

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TO VARIOUS AND SUNDRY COMMUNIST PARTIES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE NAME OF MEDITERRANEAN PROGRESS. ONE THING WAS OBVIOUS, THE ATTENDANCE WAS FAR BELOW THE LEVEL THE MALTESE LABOR PARTY HAD HOPED FOR, AND THE PLANNED "SOCIALIST SUMMIT" DID NOT TAKE PLACE, SINCE NEITHER QADHAFI NOR ARAFAT MANAGED TO SHOW UP (EVEN THOUGH MINTOFF'S HONOR GUARD WAITED AT THE AIRPORT FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN THE VAIN HOPE THAT ARAFAT WOULD MAKE THE SCENE). AND SO, IT'S OVER TO ATHENS FOR THE NEXT ROUND. END COMMENT. LAINGEN

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